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SUBJ: HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE COOPERS

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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS ON NOVEMBER 20 INSPECTED POSSIBLE ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE BEROLINA AND AT THE STADT BERLIN FOR AMBASSADOR AND MRS. COOPER. THERE IS LITTLE WHICH DISTINGUISHES THESE ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE UNTER DEN LINDEN, APART FROM SIZE (STADT BERLIN- 892 ROOMS; BEROLINA - 366; UNTER DEN LINDEN - 318); ALL ARE MODERN, LACK CHARACTER AND REAL COMFORT. THE ATTRACTION OF THE LARGER TWO HOTELS, HOWEVER, IS THAT THEY HAVE MODEST SUITES, WITHOUT KITCHEN FACILITIES. THE OTHER PLUS IS THAT STREET NOISE WOULD BE LESS TROUBLE-SOME; BEROLINA SUITES ARE ON THE 9TH AND 19TH FLOORS; STADT BERLIN SUITES ARE ON THE 34TH AND 35TH FLOORS. THE DISADVANTAGES OF THESE TWO HOTELS, AS WE SEE IT, IS THAT THERE IS MORE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE IN THE LOBBIES AND OTHER PUBLIC AREAS SINCE THEY CATER TO TOURIST GROUPS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THESE HOTELS AND SUITES IS PROVIDED BELOW (RATES ARE PER DAY AND WOULD BE REDUCED BY ABOUT 50 PERCENT FOR RESIDENT DIPLOMATS):

A) BEROLINA. LARGE SUITE (MARKS 180) CONSISTS OF LARGE LIVING ROOM, LARGE BEDROOM WITH DOUBLE BED, TWO BATHROOM AND A REFRIGERATOR. SMALL SUITE (MARKS 165) HAS A SMALL BEDROOM, AND OTHERWISE IS SIMILAR TO THE LARGE SUITE. HOTEL IS THE WORST MAINTAINED OF THE THREE WITH A SMALL, UNINVITING UNCLASSIFIED

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BAR AND RATHER ORDINARY DINING FACILITIES.

B) STADT BERLIN. WE WERE ABLE TO INSPECT ONLY A SMALL SUITE (MARKS 240) WHICH HAS ONE LIVING ROOM AND ONE BEDROOM, BOTH MODERATE IN SIZE, SEPARATED BY A FLEXIBLE PARTITION, AND A BATHROOM. LARGE SUITE (MARKS 300), WHICH EMBASSY OFFICER RECALLS FROM TWO VISITS 18 MONTHS AGO AS A HANDSOME, WOOD-PANELLED, TEMPORARY ITALIAN CHANCERY, REPORTEDLY CONTAINS ONE LIVING ROOM, ONE LARGE AND ONE SMALL BEDROOM, ONE AND ONE-HALF BATHROOMS, AND A REFRIGERATOR. CORRIDORS HAVE INSTITUTIONAL APPEARANCE AND ELEVATOR SERVICE CAN BE PROBLEMATIC. THREE RESTAURANTS (PANORAMA, GRILL, ZILLE STUBE) ARE AMONG THE BEST IN EAST BERLIN, ALTHOUGH EXPENSIVE AND USUALLY CROWDED WITH TOURISTS.

2. COMMENT: ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, WE BELIEVE THE STADT BERLIN IS SUPERIOR TO THE BEROLINA. WE ALSO THINK IT LIKELY THAT AMBASSADOR AND MRS. COOPER WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE IN THE LARGER REPEAT LARGER STADT BERLIN SUITE (OF WHICH THERE ARE ONLY TWO) THAN IN THE THREE SMALL, UNCONNECTED ROOMS PRESENTLY RESERVED FOR THEM AT THE UNTER DEN LINDEN.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO SHIFT THE HOTEL RESERVATION FOR THE COOPERS. IF WE SUCCEED, WE WILL ALSO NEED TO KNOW WHAT ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR THE COOPERS' SERVANTS. BLOCH

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